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By a Ship just arrived from Barbados, *we have received the following Account of the late Conſpiracy at* Antigua, *which ſeems to be more exact and circumſtantial than any yet publiſhed in our Papers.*

TAKE the Liberty to preſent you with a Story full of Horror and Amazement, collected from ſome Letters ſent hither from *Antigua*, which give an Account of a Conſpiracy (not unequal to that of *Catiline*, or the *Gunpowder Plot*) formed among the *Coromantin* and *Creole* Negroes, to deſtroy all the White Inhabitants of that Iſland.

'St. *John*'s Town, which was deſigned for the principal Scene of Action, is bordered on the Weſt by the Sea and Harbour; and on the North, Eaſt, and South, it lies open to the Country by large wide Streets and open Paſſages.

'The *Coromantin* Negroes (whoſe Temper and Character is well known in theſe Parts) have a great deal of Spirit, are bloody minded, bold and reſolute, full of Diſſimulation and Reſentment, and intemperately warm in purſuing what they deſire, tho' otherwiſe, they are the beſt working Slaves, when kept under a ſtrict Diſcipline. The *Creole* or native Negroes, are of a more mild Diſpoſition, as well as more knowing, cunning and artful.

'The Conſpiracy was about Four Months in forming, and was carried on with the greateſt Secrecy imaginable, tho' the Numbers daily increaſed. A *Coromantin* Negro Man, named *Court*, (who was the favourite Slave and chief Attendant of Mr *Kerby*) and *Tomboy* and *Hercules*, (Two *Creole* Negroes, and Carpenters by Trade) were the Ringleaders of the Conſpirators; the firſt was to have been their King, and the other Two, his firſt and ſecond Generals of War.

'The Two Carpenters had been employed to make Forms or Benches in Mr. *Dunbar*'s great Houſe, in the Town, where General *Matthews* intended to give a Ball to the chief Gentry of the Iſland, on the 11th of October, being the Anniverſary of the King's Coronation. This gave theſe Villains an Opportunity of lodging Gunpowder in Boxes under the Forms, and of ſinking ſome Barrels at each Corner of the Houſe, with a Train of Communication, which would at once have blown up the Houſe and all the Company.

'Three Parties of Negroes were to have been ready to block up the Avenues to the Town, which was to have been ſet on Fire at all Quarters, and to maſſacre all the White People. A Party was alſo to have ſeized Six Field Pieces that lay near the Town, which they intended to have made uſe of againſt the Troop of Horſe, that conſiſted of the Choice Gentlemen of the Iſland, had they been able to have got together after the Houſe was blown up; and ſeveral Parties and Detachments were to have ſeized the Forts, Gariſons, Magazines and Arms, ſo that by theſe Stratagems, they might, in one Hour, have been Maſters of the whole Iſland.

'The Ringleaders were very artful and ſolemn in forming the Plot, and engaging others to join them: For which End, *Court* and *Tomboy* made divers preparatory Plays, in order to feel the Pulſe of the Slaves; and at laſt, on a Sunday, *Court* made a grand Entertainment at Mr. *Dunbar*'s Eſtate, called *Parke*'s, joining to the Town, at which *Court* appeared in the Habit of a *Coromantin* King, *Tomboy* as his firſt General, *Hercules* as his ſecond, and Three others as General Officers, all in warlike Habits. *Court* ſate upon a Throne or advanced Seat, and had the Bench of Generals behind him: After ſeveral Dances of Merriment, *Tomboy* called for the *Man's Dance*, which the *Coromantins* call *Aikem*, or *Ikem*, and is performed with a Shield, (which the Word *Akem* means in that Language) and with a Cutlace. *Court* danced it with great Emotions and Vehemence, till he almoſt dropt down; and after him, others of the *Coromantin* Nation danced it alſo. Then *Court*, with a Wooden Cutlace, made thrice a Flouriſh over *Tomboy*'s Head, and ſaid certain Words in the *Coromantin* Language, which import a moſt ſolemn Engagement to live and die together; the Words, as near as they can be rendered into Engliſh, are, *Whatever I do, you muſt do; where I go, you muſt go; where I fall*, (i. e. *am ſlain*) *there you muſt fall*; which were anſwered by all the *Coromantins*, and others on the Spot, with three Huzzas. This Dance, and theſe Words, with the proper Signs, all the *Coromantins* agree, are never uſed in their Country, but upon a moſt ſolemn Engagement of War; and it is taken to be an inliſting of all who give their Conſent by an Huzza.

'Some Accident, it ſeems, happened in General *Matthews*'s Family, (moſt providentially for that Iſland) ſo that the Entertainment that was intended to have been on the 11th of *October*, was put off to the 30th, being the King's Birth-day; to which Time the Conſpirators alſo deferred their Helliſh Deſign; during which Interval, ſome White People over-heard the nightly Conferences and Conſultations among the Negroes about Arms, Powder, *&c.* and made Information thereof to Mr. *Arbuthnot*, the Collector of the Cuſtoms, who being induced to believe what was told him, became very inquiſitive and watchful of their Motions, till he gathered Circumſtances that convinced the General Council and Aſſembly, and thereupon had the principal Conſpirators taken up and ſecured. Upon a ſtrict Examination into the Nature of the Plot, and a proper Trial of the Conſpirators, *Court* was condemn'd to be broke on the Wheel; and after he had ſuffered the Torture about half an Hour, confeſs'd the whole Conſpiracy. *Tomboy* and *Hercules*, the Two Generals, who were alſo broke on the Wheel, confeſs'd it in Gaol, and before the Juſtices. Many others have been executed, and hung on Gibbets, and Informations are daily made of the principal Conſpirators, by the Siſters and Wives of thoſe who were broke on the Wheel, and who were alſo in the Plot with their Husbands and Brothers; and were, it ſeems, to have been raiſed to great Dignities in their imaginary Kingdom.

'The Conſpirators knew not what Anſwer to make when they were ask'd, *What they propos'd to do, and how they expected to keep the Iſland when they had deſtroy'd the Whites?* but only ſaid, They chiefly intended a merry *Chriſtmas*. And being alſo ask'd, *How they could think of killing their kind and indulgent Maſters, who had placed ſo much Confidence in them?* They gave the Juſtices to underſtand, that each of them had Bowels of Compaſſion for his own Maſter; but as they could not agree whom to ſpare, they (ſomething like the *Roman* Triumvirate in their Proſcriptions) agreed each to put to Death the other's Maſter and his Friends; but the Examination is not as yet over.

'This horrid Conſpiracy againſt the People of *Antigua*, which nothing but divine Providence could have prevented from being put in Execution, ſhould give Us, their Neighbours, Warning. *Cautione opus eſt.* Never was any Plot form'd with more Art and Secrecy; and had General *Matthews* given the Entertainment on the 11th of *October*, as was intended, the deſigned Inſurrection and Maſſacre would certainly have taken Effect: The chief Gentlemen, Civil and Military, of the Iſland were to have been with him at the Ball; ſo that the Conſpirators might with the greater Eaſe have butcher'd the reſt of the Iſland, and thoroughly accompliſhed their dreadful Attempt.

'We of this Iſland, as well as our Neighbours, have our truſty Slaves and Favourites, who wear fine Cloaths, and have their nightly Meetings and Revels, at which they dance, and eat and drink luxuriouſly, and game, and ſpend Money much beyond their Condition (witneſs the Gaming Table and Club lately found out at a Huckſter's Houſe in this Town:) But the Miſchief is, when Diſcoveries of this Sort are made, every Maſter and Miſtreſs is ready to ſcreen or beg off his or her favourite Slave from Puniſhment: Perhaps, nay it is probable, they may have no ſuch helliſh Deſign at preſent; but it is to be conſidered, that coſtly Cloaths and expenſive Pleaſures are Temptations to ſet their Ambition and Avarice to work, and nobody can tell the Conſequences; for great Villainies are not conceived all at once.

'We have good Laws provided by our Anceſtors for our Security; by Means of which they lived ſafe, tho' not without ſome Attempts of this Sort; but if we don't execute theſe Laws better than at preſent, it is unreaſonable to expect a laſting Safety.

'—— *Proximus ardet* Ucaligon.

Bridge-Town, Nov. 26, 1736.

I am, Your's, &c.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from Holland.

It brings a ſecond Letter from the Count de Koningſegg to the Grand Vizier.

'THE Count ſays, among other Things, that the Porte need not be uneaſy for its Honour and Dignity, ſince there is no Intention to prejudice it, and that all ſenſible People will be of Opinion, that 'tis a glorious Thing to prefer the Proſperity of ſuch Numbers as long for Peace and Tranquility, to the uncertain Events of a War.

'He takes Notice, that not a Moment of the little Time which is left for an Accommodation, ought to be loſt; that therefore the Porte ſhould, without Delay, ſend their Plenipotentiaries to the Frontiers of Ruſſia; and that till a Peace is re-eſtabliſhed between the Porte and the Czarina, 'tis in vain to think of renewing the Alliances and Treaties, for maintaining a Friendſhip and good Neighbourhood between the Turkiſh and German Empires, by reaſon of the inviolable Obligations by which his Imperial Majeſty is attach'd to Ruſſia, in Times of Peace as well as War, inſomuch, that he ought to be conſidered hereafter, not as a Mediator, but as an Ally of Ruſſia, to be included as a contracting Party in the Treaty to be concluded this Winter with the Porte; and that his Imperial Majeſty has nominated his Plenipotentiaries, and given them Inſtructions for co-operating in this important Work with thoſe of the Czarina, who has given him freſh Aſſurances, that if the Meaſures propoſed by the Imperial Court be accepted without Delay, ſhe was ready to conſent to a Peace, and that therefore nothing remained but for the Miniſters to meet at the Place of Congreſs.'

The Emperor has loſt another great Commander by the Death of the Count Guido Staremberg, one of his Cabinet Council, Velt Marſhal General of his Armies, Governor and Captain General of the Kingdom of Sclavonia, and Colonel of a Regiment of Foot, who died at Vienna, Aged Fourſcore, on the 24th of laſt Month.

The *Baron de Pollnitz*, whoſe *Memoirs* (juſt tranſlated into Engliſh) diſcover not only the *preſent State of the chief Cities and Towns* in Europe, but the Characters of the *great Perſonages at the ſeveral Courts* which he viſited, gives this Account of him.

'Prince Guido Staremberg, is deſcended of a Family which has given great Generals and wiſe Miniſters to the Emperors of the Houſe of Auſtria, and has ſupported the Glory of his Anceſtors in a ſignal Manner. Hungary, Italy, and Spain, have been Witneſſes of his Bravery and conſummate Wiſdom, in the Art of commanding Armies, and have admired him the more, becauſe they ſaw him always gaining Victories with Armies ill paid, deſtitute of all Neceſſaries, and very much inferior to his Enemies. This General entered very young into the Service in Quality of an Enſign, and was preferred in a few Years to the Regiment of Foot, of which he was to his Death, Colonel. He was made Lieutenant Colonel a little before the Siege of Vienna by the Turks, when he ſerved as Adjutant to his Couſin Erneſt-Rudiger Count de Staremberg, the Defender of Vienna. He was alſo, when very young, made great Commander of the Teutonic Order, and tho' he was very much advanced in Years, when the Baron ſaw him, he retain'd all his Juvenile Ardour, and was ſtill very capable of commanding.'

The Death of the Duke of Wirtemberg, which we mention'd in our Paper of Monday laſt, with his Character and Iſſue, as given by the Author aforeſaid, is confirm'd with theſe Particulars.

'The Duke having reſolved to go to Philipsburg and Fort Kehl, to ſee in what State the Fren-

had left those Places, being apprehensive that he might be called likewise to the chief Command of the Emperor's Army in Hungary, in case of a War with the Turks, he left the Regency to his Dutchess, took Leave of her in the tendrest Manner, and said to her in Presence of the whole Court, *That as he was perhaps going again to the Field of Battle, and as God might soon call him out of the World, he intreated her to take great Care of the Government in his Absence, and to use his Subjects in the best Manner she could.* Then he set out with several Lords and Gentlemen from Stutgard for his fine Seat at Ludwigsbourg, where he arrived the same Day, (viz. March 1. O.S.) in perfect Health and good Humour, and he diverted himself at Play during a Concert of Musick till 8 o'Clock at Night, when finding an Oppression on his Breast, he retired to his Bed-chamber to lie down, and was immediately blooded in the Arm, but found no Relief; and being led to an Arm Chair, by two of his Valets de Chambre, his Oppression grew worse and worse, so that he cry'd out, *Jesus my God! what's the Matter with me, I am a dead Man*, and he had no sooner uttered these Words, but leaning forwards in his Chair, he fell on the Floor and died. This melancholly News being immediately carried Post to Stutguard by a Jew, who was Counsellor of his Finances, the Court immediately put him under an Arrest, together with all his Domesticks, as well Christians as Jews; a strong Guard was set about his House; his Papers and other Effects were seiz'd, some of his intimate Friends were also strictly guarded, and all the Jews under any Relation to him were likewise committed to Prison. —— The Duke of Neustadt is arrived at Stutgard, to be Administrator of the Dutchy during the new Duke's Minority.

The Spanish Man of War, the Isidore, which sailed from Legiorn with 900 Guards on board, and was thought to be lost, is safely arrived at Cagliari in Sardinia, after having been separated by a Storm from the Fleet, and drove upon the Coast of Minorca near Port Mahon, where the Captain desired Leave of the Governor to put his Men ashore, which tho' he refused, because the Number was so great, yet he sent him what Provisions he wanted.

The Duke of Berwick is arrived from Naples at Rome, in his Way to the Court of Spain, whither he is going with a private Commission from King Don Carlos. He was accompany'd with his Son the Duke de Liria, and alighted at the Palace of the Chevalier de St. George, who sent two of his Coaches to meet him, entertain'd him and the Constable Colonna at Dinner, and after the same was over, the Chevalier's two Sons, accompany'd by the Duke of Berwick and his Son, went to the French Academy to see the Races run by Barbary Horses, and the Concourse of the Masqueraders. And the next Day the two Dukes were admitted to an Audience of the Pope, and kiss'd his Feet: They were to proceed in a Day or two for Spain, and we are told at the same time from France, that the Duke of Berwick's Brother, the Abbot of St. Victor, is set out from Paris to meet him, and that the Duke is to communicate the Subject of his Commission to the French Court.

We are inform'd that a Comet has been seen in Sicily, which by the Description, must be the same that is visible in our Horizon; and that at Monte Pelegrino in that Island, a Meteor has been seen, which appeared at first like a Fiery Tongue, and afterwards form'd itself into a Circle of Light, which so frightned the Fishermen on the Coast, that they put off with all the Haste imaginable.

LONDON.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Jackson, Lieutenant in an Independant Company of Foot, to be a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Lieutenant General Gore.

And also to appoint John Lloyd, Esq; to be a Cornet in the Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Brigadier General Campbell.

Last Sunday died at his Lodgings in Bond street, James Gaines, Esq; a Gentleman of an Estate of 200 l. per Ann. in the County of Norfolk.

Her Majesty has given Orders for a magnificent Saloon and a Grotto to be erected in the Royal Gardens at Richmond.

Last Sunday a Boat going to Greenwich, was overset near Deptford, occasioned by two Men fighting in the Boat, by which Accident a young Woman was drowned.

To-morrow his Majesty's Royal Proclamation will be sent down to Scotland, for summoning the Peers to meet at Holyrood House, to chuse a Peer to sit in Parliament, in the room of the Duke of Athol, who has taken his Seat in the House of Peers as a Baron of England.

The Money and Books of his Majesty's Ship the Sheerness, are sent down to Portsmouth to pay the Wages due to the Company to the 31st of December last.

Yesterday Morning the Corpse of Sir Justinian Isham, Bart. late Knight of the Shire for Northampton, was carried down to his Seat at Lamford, were he will lie in State this Day and To-morrow, and at Night will be interred in the Family Vault there.

On Monday last his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, took the Oaths and his Seat in the House of Peers.

His Majesty is expected at the House of Peers To-morrow, to pass the Mutiny Bill and such others as are ready for the Royal Assent.

We hear that Robert Trevor, Esq; Secretary of his Majesty's extraordioary Embassies to the States General, and late Fellow of Queen's College in Oxford, will stand Candidate to represent that University, in the room of William Bromley, Esq; deceased.

A new Writ is ordered to be issued out for Northampton, for electing a Knight of the Shire for that County, in the room of Sir Justinian Isham, Bart. deceased.

A few Days since the Rev. Mr. William Palmer, M. A. Chaplain to his Grace the Duke of Hamilton, was inducted into the Vicarage of Yarcomb, in the County of Devon.

BANKRUPTS.

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East India House, March 9, 1736.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants Trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be holden at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 16th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, on Special Affairs.

Custom-House, London, March 10, 1736.

WHEREAS on Saturday the 5th of this Instant March, Richard Burleigh, a notorious Smugler, made his Escape from Dover Castle, where he was committed Prisoner for the Murder of John Wood, an Officer of the Customs at Newhaven, in May 1733, and Richard Rider, a Foot Soldier in the Regiment late General Tattons, who was a Guard on the said Burleigh, and assisted him in making his Escape, is gone with him; The Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend the said Burleigh, to be paid by the Receiver General of the Customs. The said Burleigh is upwards of 30 Years of Age, about 5 Foot 10 or 11 Inches high, a well Limb'd, strong, proportioned Man, of a very swarthy Complexion, a little pitted with the Small Pox, long Visage, black Eyes, formerly wore a light, but of late a brown natural Wig, and when walks, he goes as tho' he was in a Hurry, his Legs are proportionable to his Body and Height: He was born at Southwold in Suffolk, but since has lived at Lynn in Norfolk, and at Dunkirk and Flushing.

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